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SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Undersigned not later than the 11th inst. for shipment per Steamer "PRIAM."
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 8th April, 1878. [568]
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned, in both cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 5th April, 1878.

Goods undelivered after the 10th April, 1878, will be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 8th April, 1878. [578]

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MARITIMES.

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 Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods
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 obtained immediately after landing.
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fore TO LAND, the 4th instant, at noon requesting
 it to be DATED here.
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 DAY, the 10th instant, at Noon, will be sub-
 ject to rent and landing charges.
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penang. **DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,**
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1878. [1w371]
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SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"ARGYLL."

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Bills of Lading for Countersignature to the
Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of
their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and ex-
pense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

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"ESMERALDA" from Manila, are
hereby notified that their Goods are being landed
and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned
at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong 25th March 1878. [550]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 8TH, 1878.

The Report presented by the Acting Superintendent of Police, for the year 1877, is, on the whole, of a very satisfactory character. It is true that an increase in serious offences has to be noted, to the number of 481, but, as Mr. CHERRIE points out, there is really a decrease in the greater crimes, the increase mentioned being caused by the large number of petty larcenies committed. The distress caused by famine and floods on the mainland has no doubt been the means of inducing an additional contingent of persons of indolent character to seek refuge in this Colony. There have been fewer cases of burglary or robbery with violence, and there is every reason to suppose that this is due to greater vigilance on the part of the Police; to the same cause we may partly ascribe the increase in the number of convictions for larceny and unlawful possession. The increase in kidnapping Mr. CHERRIE believes to be more apparent than real, but there is little doubt that piracy is becoming more frequent. The vigorous action of the Colonial Government in past days scotched this evil, but it was impossible to wholly eradicate it. Probably the ranks of the pirates have lately been recruited from the numbers of unemployed and destitute people at present existing in Kwangtung. The provision of steam launches, and the improvement of the detective service will no doubt serve to diminish the number of cases of piracy in Hongkong waters. Still, after all, the sum total of these offences for the year is by no means alarming, and the statistics of crime generally for the Colony are not, considering its position and circumstances, at all calculated to arouse uneasiness.

The conduct of the Police, Mr. CHERRIE tells us, has been exceptionally good. It is clear, in spite of the numerous changes which are inevitable in connection with this body, that it is yearly growing more efficient. The detective force is reported to work faithfully and well, but great difficulty experienced in getting Chinamen to come forward as witnesses is found to be a serious obstacle to bringing criminals to justice, and Mr. CHERRIE suggests that a more liberal system of compensating witnesses for time lost in attendance at Court should be adopted. This would doubtless remove the obstacle; the lower class Chinamen are so poor that compulsory attendance at Court for a day or two is a real hardship to them. The system adopted of having mounted and foot patrols between the outlying villages, which Mr. CHERRIE states, was established in June last, is a measure of precaution that was much needed, as highway robberies were formerly only too common in these lonely localities. It is not very long since that an old man was set upon by some ruffians (still undiscovered) and most brutally murdered. The patrol system seems to have quite suppressed this offence. Mr. CHERRIE suggests the substitution of the telephone for the telegraph instruments. If it properly worked the new invention will be much more suitable for Police purposes than the telegraph, as it is simplicity itself. We are glad to see that the Chinese officials on the mainland have rendered willing assistance to the Police authorities in this Colony. In two instances, it seems, they have assisted in recovering large sums of money from criminals who had escaped from British jurisdiction, but were subsequently traced to villages in Chinese territory. The Colonial Government is pretty sure to have it in its power to return this service at no distant date. The facts most significant, however, as indicating a more friendly feeling on the part of the Chinese Authorities towards this Colony than formerly.

The Chinese Government seems to have commenced counting the cost of its Legations in foreign countries before they are half established. The capitals favoured with the presence of a representative of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China are London, Berlin, and Tokio, and an Ambassador is to leave for Washington shortly. His Excellency Kwon Su-choo is, according to our Shanghai morning contemporary, to be accredited to France as well as England, and his allowance is to be increased to enable him to represent Chinese interests there. He will, we presume, continue to reside in London, but will make flying visits to Paris, and probably spend some time there during and after the opening of the Exhibition. It is believed that this addition to Kwon's duties has been made solely in deference to the fact that he is the only Chinese representative in London.

The steamship *Gunga* left Sydney, New South Wales, for this port on Saturday, the 6th instant.

We understand that the Cape d'Agulhas race course on again on Thursday, and that a special jury has been summoned for it.

The American bark *Frank Marion*, Captain H. K. Eldridge, which arrived yesterday from Newcastle, N.S.W., reports that the American bark *Henry A. Lehigh*, Captain Drumm, left Newcastle on the 7th February for Yokohama.

The maximum temperature at the Peak during the past week, as recorded in Saturday's *Gazette*, was 71.0, the minimum 51.0; at the Harbour, the maximum 70.0, the minimum 50.0, and the mean 60.0 and the minimum 40.0. 330 inches of rain fell during the week.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) have been advised by telegram that the Ocean Steamship Company's steamer *Prima* left Singapore for this port on Friday morning, and that the steamer *Wanchow* was also to leave Singapore for Hongkong on Saturday morning.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Mr. W. M. Deane has resigned his position as Superintendent of Police, and that Mr. F. B. Macdonald, B.N., has been appointed Acting Harbour-Master and Marine Magistrate during the absence on twelve months' leave of Captain Thomson.

From the monthly return of Mr. Master, Collector of Stamp Revenue, published in the *Gazette*, it appears that the revenue for March was \$11,886.43, and that the total amount collected this year up to the 31st of that month was \$31,323.83, or \$5,050.00 in excess of the sum collected in the same period last year.

Notice is given in Saturday's *Gazette*, that His Excellency the Governor in Council, under and in pursuance of Ordinance No. 14 of 1862, entitled "An Ordinance for granting Patents for Inventions within this Colony," has granted Letters Patent bearing date the 31st day of March, 1878, unto the Hon. W. W. Kew, of Victoria in this Colony, as assignee of Abraham Lytle, for and on behalf of the partners for the time being in the China Sugar Refining of Hongkong, for securing to him, and to his heirs, assigns, and assigns, the exclusive right of refining within the Colony of Hongkong, and its Dependencies, an invention, for which Her Majesty's Letters Patent have been obtained in England for improvements in Apparatus for refining Sugar for the residue of the term of fourteen years, from the 29th day of July, 1876, subject to certain conditions in the said Patent specified.

The return of the revenue and expenditure of the Colony during last year is published in the *Gazette* of Saturday. The revenue amounted to \$1,055,312, showing an increase of \$19,008 of last year. The land revenue shows an increase of \$86,248, and the receipts from stamps an increase of \$14,043. The expenditure was \$878,297, being an increase of \$19,008 of last year. Under the heading of Works and Buildings there is a decrease of \$59,931, while under that of Roads, Streets, and Bridges there is an increase of \$18,491. The statement of Assets and Liabilities shows a balance to the credit of the Colony of \$497,324. The Special Fund amounts to \$380,000, and the account for the last half of 1877 shows interest received on the loan of \$1,343, of which \$9,228 was carried forward to the next quarter for the quarter ending 31st December and the remainder spent for the detection and suppression of gambling.

THE POLICE REPORT.

The following annual report from the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, for the year 1877, is published for general information in the *Gazette*:

GENERAL POLICE BARBERS.

VICTORIA, HONGKONG, 15th February, 1878.

Sir, I have the honour to forward to you the annual report of the Police for the year 1877.

During the year the school has been pursuing a quiet course of usefulness. The death of Mr. Gair has been a great loss to the school, his intimate knowledge of police work, and his experience in the management of the school, were of great value, and it was a difficult matter to fill his place satisfactorily. Mr. Duggan, however, since his appointment has performed his duties well, and increased experience will enable him to do so more and more.

Mr. Cheong, a young man, who left for a post in the Chinese Ministry to Japan, was succeeded by Mr. Chin-Chi-Tung.

Two of the number of Europeans now possess exemption certificates, and a considerable number have left the Colony on the expiration of their term of service, the attendance has been small, but an only three of the last draft have been sent to the school, and the school has been larger attendance during 1877. The number of men who presented themselves during the year for examination was 19; of whom 13 passed and 6 failed. The number of men who presented themselves for examination in the examinations of this year is a number of those who passed consisted of men who were not qualified for promotion, which they could have done by attending the school.

To make the teaching of the Europeans as practical as possible, I have introduced the use of the Chinese language, and have made the writing of Reports a weekly exercise.

There have been two examinations of the Indian Constables during the year, one to test their knowledge of English and Chinese in order to enable them to act as interpreters, and the other was the ordinary Annual Examination. The first examination has produced a most satisfactory result. The fact that a knowledge of English and Chinese is so much required in the examinations of this year is a fact which I am able to report a marked progress on the part of the Indians during the year, and at the same time to be able to do so much more than was obtained from the examinations of previous years. I may not note that one Indian Constable passed the European examination.

Two of the number of the year the attendance of the Constables was considerably diminished in consequence of ill health, but this was partly compensated by the attendance of Indian Candidates, who, while waiting for the examination, were employed in the study of English and Chinese.

I have to make the same report on the Chinese Constables that has been made in previous years. They make good progress in the study of English, and are becoming more and more useful in the service, and are more and more to be relied upon in the service.

Still, as long as the examinations are made from the ranks of interpreters, so long as these men must qualify by private study, for loss of school time, the progress of the service is retarded.

The following are the Statistics for the year 1877:

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Indians 125 20.7

Chinese 125 116.6

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 8TH, 1878.

The Report presented by the Acting Superintendent of Police, for the year 1877, is, on the whole, of a very satisfactory character. It is true that an increase in serious offences has to be noted, to the number of 481, but, as Mr. CHERRIE points out, there is really a decrease in the greater crimes, the increase mentioned being caused by the large number of petty larcenies committed. The distress caused by famine and floods on the mainland has no doubt been the means of inducing an additional contingent of persons of indolent character to seek refuge in this Colony. There have been fewer cases of burglary or robbery with violence, and there is every reason to suppose that this is due to greater vigilance on the part of the Police; to the same cause we may partly ascribe the increase in the number of convictions for larceny and unlawful possession. The increase in kidnapping Mr. CHERRIE believes to be more apparent than real, but there is little doubt that piracy is becoming more frequent. The vigorous action of the Colonial Government in past days scotched this evil, but it was impossible to wholly eradicate it. Probably the ranks of the pirates have lately been recruited from the numbers of unemployed and destitute people at present existing in Kwangtung. The provision of steam launches, and the improvement of the detective service will no doubt serve to diminish the number of cases of piracy in Hongkong waters. Still, after all, the sum total of these offences for the year is by no means alarming, and the statistics of crime generally for the Colony are not, considering its position and circumstances, at all calculated to arouse uneasiness.

The conduct of the Police, Mr. CHERRIE tells us, has been exceptionally good. It is clear, in spite of the numerous changes which are inevitable in connection with this body, that it is yearly growing more efficient. The detective force is reported to work faithfully and well, but great difficulty experienced in getting Chinamen to come forward as witnesses is found to be a serious obstacle to bringing criminals to justice, and Mr. CHERRIE suggests that a more liberal system of compensating witnesses for time lost in attendance at Court should be adopted. This would doubtless remove the obstacle; the lower class Chinamen are so poor that compulsory attendance at Court for a day or two is a real hardship to them. The system adopted of having mounted and foot patrols between the outlying villages, which Mr. CHERRIE states, was established in June last, is a measure of precaution that was much needed, as highway robberies were formerly only too common in these lonely localities. It is not very long since that an old man was set upon by some ruffians (still undiscovered) and most brutally murdered. The patrol system seems to have quite suppressed this offence. Mr. CHERRIE suggests the substitution of the telephone for the telegraph instruments. If it properly worked the new invention will be much more suitable for Police purposes than the telegraph, as it is simplicity itself. We are glad to see that the Chinese officials on the mainland have rendered willing assistance to the Police authorities in this Colony. In two instances, it seems, they have assisted in recovering large sums of money from criminals who had escaped from British jurisdiction, but were subsequently traced to villages in Chinese territory. The Colonial Government is pretty sure to have it in its power to return this service at no distant date. The facts most significant, however, as indicating a more friendly feeling on the part of the Chinese Authorities towards this Colony than formerly.

The Chinese Government seems to have commenced counting the cost of its Legations in foreign countries before they are half established. The capitals favoured with the presence of a representative of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China are London, Berlin, and Tokio, and an Ambassador is to leave for Washington shortly. His Excellency Kwon Su-choo is, according to our Shanghai morning contemporary, to be accredited to France as well as England, and his allowance is to be increased to enable him to represent Chinese interests there. He will, we presume, continue to reside in London, but will make flying visits to Paris, and probably spend some time there during and after the opening of the Exhibition. It is believed that this addition to Kwon's duties has been made solely in deference to the fact that he is the only Chinese representative in London.

The steamship *Gunga* left Sydney, New South Wales, for this port on Saturday, the 6th instant.

We understand that the Cape d'Agulhas race course on again on Thursday, and that a special jury has been summoned for it.

The American bark *Frank Marion*, Captain H. K. Eldridge, which arrived yesterday from Newcastle, N.S.W., reports that the American bark *Henry A. Lehigh*, Captain Drumm, left Newcastle on the 7th February for Yokohama.

The maximum temperature at the Peak during the past week, as recorded in Saturday's *Gazette*, was 71.0, the minimum 51.0; at the Harbour, the maximum 70.0, the minimum 50.0, and the mean 60.0 and the minimum 40.0. 330 inches of rain fell during the week.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) have been advised by telegram that the Ocean Steamship Company's steamer *Prima* left Singapore for this port on Friday morning, and that the steamer *Wanchow* was also to leave Singapore for Hongkong on Saturday morning.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Mr. W. M. Deane has resigned his position as Superintendent of Police, and that Mr. F. B. Macdonald, B.N., has been appointed Acting Harbour-Master and Marine Magistrate during the absence on twelve months' leave of Captain Thomson.

From the monthly return of Mr. Master, Collector of Stamp Revenue, published in the *Gazette*, it appears that the revenue for March was \$11,886.43, and that the total amount collected this year up to the 31st of that month was \$31,323.83, or \$5,050.00 in excess of the sum collected in the same period last year.

Notice is given in Saturday's *Gazette*, that His Excellency the Governor in Council, under and in pursuance of Ordinance No. 14 of 1862, entitled "An Ordinance for granting Patents for Inventions within this Colony," has granted Letters Patent bearing date the 31st day of March, 1878, unto the Hon. W. W. Kew, of Victoria in this Colony, as assignee of Abraham Lytle, for and on behalf of the partners for the time being in the China Sugar Refining of Hongkong, for securing to him, and to his heirs, assigns, and assigns, the exclusive right of refining within the Colony of Hongkong, and its Dependencies, an invention, for which Her Majesty's Letters Patent have been obtained in England for improvements in Apparatus for refining Sugar for the residue of the term of fourteen years, from the 29th day of July, 1876, subject to certain conditions in the said Patent specified.

The return of the revenue and expenditure of the Colony during last year is published in the *Gazette* of Saturday. The revenue amounted to \$1,055,312, showing an increase of \$19,008 of last year. The land revenue shows an increase of \$86,248, and the receipts from stamps an increase of \$14,043. The expenditure was \$878,297, being an increase of \$19,008 of last year. Under the heading of Works and Buildings there is a decrease of \$59,931, while under that of Roads, Streets, and Bridges there is an increase of \$18,491. The statement of Assets and Liabilities shows a balance to the credit of the Colony of \$497,324. The Special Fund amounts to \$380,000, and the account for the last half of 1877 shows interest received on the loan of \$1,343, of which \$9,228 was carried forward to the next quarter for the quarter ending 31st December and the remainder spent for the detection and suppression of gambling.

THE POLICE REPORT.

The following annual report from the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, for the year 1877, is published for general information in the *Gazette*:

GENERAL POLICE BARBERS.

VICTORIA, HONGKONG, 15th February, 1878.

Sir, I have the honour to forward to you the annual report of the Police for the year 1877.

During the year the school has been pursuing a quiet course of usefulness. The death of Mr. Gair has been a great loss to the school, his intimate knowledge of police work, and his experience in the management of the school, were of great value, and it was a difficult matter to fill his place satisfactorily. Mr. Duggan, however, since his appointment has performed his duties well, and increased experience will enable him to do so more and more.

Mr. Cheong, a young man, who left for a post in the Chinese Ministry to Japan, was succeeded by Mr. Chin-Chi-Tung.

Two of the number of Europeans now possess exemption certificates, and a considerable number have left the Colony on the expiration of their term of service, the attendance has been small, but an only three of the last draft have been sent to the school, and the school has been larger attendance during 1877. The number of men who presented themselves during the year for examination was 19; of whom 13 passed and 6 failed. The number of men who presented themselves for examination in the examinations of this year is a number of those who passed consisted of men who were not qualified for promotion, which they could have done by attending the school.

To make the teaching of the Europeans as practical as possible, I have introduced the use of the Chinese language, and have made the writing of Reports a weekly exercise.

There have been two examinations of the Indian Constables during the year, one to test their knowledge of English and Chinese in order to enable them to act as interpreters, and the other was the ordinary Annual Examination. The first examination has produced a most satisfactory result. The fact that a knowledge of English and Chinese is so much required in the examinations of this year is a fact which I am able to report a marked progress on the part of the Indians during the year, and at the same time to be able to do so much more than was obtained from the examinations of previous years. I may not note that one Indian Constable passed the European examination.

Two of the number of the year the attendance of the Constables was considerably diminished in consequence of ill health, but this was partly compensated by the attendance of Indian Candidates, who, while waiting for the examination, were employed in the study of English and Chinese.

I have to make the same report on the Chinese Constables that has been made in previous years. They make good progress in the study of English, and are becoming more and more useful in the service, and are more and more to be relied upon in the service.

Still, as long as the examinations are made from the ranks of interpreters, so long as these men must qualify by private study, for loss of school time, the progress of the service is retarded.

The following are the Statistics for the year 1877:

NATIONALITY. SCHOOL. AVERAGE. ATTENDANCE.

Europeans 125 14.1

Indians 125 20.7

Chinese 125 116.6

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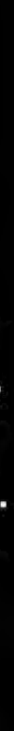
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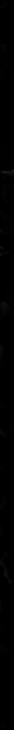
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Mar. 19	Falconer	Brit. bk	665	E. Vincent & Co	An-lee	Victory's gunboat	2	221	10	60	Godal	---	Tong-king gulf	---	---
Feb. 25	Obalmeers	Brit. bk	837	Boyd & Co	Choo-hing	Roverus cruiser	2	230	20	60	---	---	Swatow	---	---
Mar. 8	Grant	Brit. bk	831	Darvel & Co	Chiao-to	Victory's gunboat	2	221	70	60	Walker	---	Capang-muan	---	---
Jan. 26	Wetia	Brit. bk	372	Bradley & Co	Chiao-jui	Roverus cruiser	2	80	20	60	---	---	West coast	---	---
ANNOY.				Chuang-wan		Roverus cruiser	2	80	60	60	Chang-king-fu	---	Canton River	---	---
IN PORT ON 30TH MARCH, 1873.				Ching-on		Victory's gunboat	2	150	60	60	Besard	---	Pak-hoi	---	---
				Tching-sing		Victory's gunboat	2	120	40	60	Chinese & daimat	---	Bogue Forts	---	---
				Tching-on		Victory's gunboat	2	150	60	60	Chong-veilla	---	West Coast	---	---
				Tching-po		Roverus cruiser	2	150	40	60	Chow & Shi	---	West Coast	---	---
				Tahm-chung		Roverus cruiser	2	400	150	60	Palmet	---	Fa-lou-union	---	---
				Pong-chung-hai		Victory's gunboat	2	150	40	60	Liu-king-tis	---	Bogue Forts	---	---
				Quang-chai		Roverus cruiser	2	180	60	60	Wade	---	Chung-show	---	---
				Shan-chi		Victory's gunboat	2	180	60	60	Older	---	Hak-lar-shan	---	---
				Sui-taing		Roverus cruiser	2	80	20	60	Motela	---	Canton River	---	---
				Ling-shi		Victory's gunboat	2	100	50	60	Ching	---	Bogue Forts	---	---
				Tang-po		Victory's gunboat	2	100	50	60	---	---	---	---	---
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